Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment for a sample of 2581 units during October-December, 2008, there was decrease in employment in industries/sectors of mining, textiles, metals, gems and jewellery, automobile and transport. A sample survey conducted by the Department of Commerce for 402 exporting units spread over 17 different sectors primarily employment oriented, revealed job loss (direct and indirect) to the tune of 1,09,513 persons during August, 2008 to mid January, 2009.

(f) and (g) Government is concerned about the possible impact of global financial crisis on the Indian economy including employment. Several measures, financial and fiscal, have been taken which include among others, RBI's measures to enhance liquidity in the market and the Government's fiscal stimulus to help industrial growth and employment by across the board reduction in *ad-valorem* Cenvat rate by 4 per cent on non-petroleum products and products where current rate was less than 4 per cent; support to labour intensive exports like textiles, leather, gems and jewellery and marine products by providing interest subvention of 2 per cent on pre and post shipment export credit; withdrawal of export duty on iron ore (fines) and additional plan expenditure in the current year; etc. Further, more than 3.5 crore households have been provided employment under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act in the current financial year till now.

Vacant reserved posts in nationalized banks

1082. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prescribed norms of filling up the vacant reserved post for Scheduled Castes (SCs)/ Scheduled Tribes (STs) are being fully adhered to by all the nationalized banks;

(b) if so, the names of the banks where the entire backlog of SCs/STs vacancies has been filled up along with the names of the banks where it is yet to be filled up, indicating the number of vacant posts in each of these banks, category-wise; and

(c) the factors responsible for non-filling of the posts reserved for SCs/STs in these banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Nationalized Banks are adhering to the prescribed norms of filling up the vacant reserved posts for Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes (STs).

(b) There are no backlog vacancies of SCs/STs in the Bank of Maharashtra, Central Bank of India, Corporation Bank, State Bank of India and United Bank of India.

The names of Banks and category-wise information indicating backlog and vacancies of SCs/STs are given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The backlog of SCs/STs vacancies is due to non availability of SC/ST candidates in the direct recruitment/promotion process, non reporting of some of the selected candidates and the reserved category candidates not clearing the written examination even after relaxed standards.

Statement

Details regarding no. of Backlog Vacancies

Sl. No.	Name of the Bank		SCs	STs	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Allahabad Bank	Officers	—	4	4
		Clerks	—	8	8
		Sub Staff	—	—	—
2.	Andhra Bank	Officers	5	3	8
		Clerks	—	—	—
		Sub Staff	—	—	—
3.	Bank of Baroda	Officers	21	20	41
		Clerks	15	—	15
		Sub Staff	8	9	17
4.	Canara Bank	Officers	5	8	13
		Clerks	—	—	—
		Sub Staff	—	—	—
5.	Bank of India	Officers	15	10	25
		Clerks	—	—	—
		Sub Staff	—	—	—
6.	Dena Bank	Officers	2	5	7
		Clerks	11	19	30
		Sub Staff	—	14	14
7.	Indian Bank	Officers	1	12	13
		Clerks	—	—	—
		Sub Staff	1	6	7
8.	Indian Overseas Bank	Officers	—	98	98
		Clerks	—	310	310
		Sub Staff	—	—	—

1	2	3	4	5	6
9.	Oriental Bank of Commerce	Officers	13	28	41
		Clerks	—	—	—
		Sub Staff	—	—	—
10.	Punjab National Bank	Officers	—	3	3
		Clerks	24	—	24
		Sub Staff	—	—	
11.	Punjab and Sind Bank	Officers	86	91	177
		Clerks	3	3	6
		Sub Staff	—	—	—
12.	Syndicate Bank	Officers	—	46	46
		Clerks	—	—	—
		Sub Staff	—	17	—
13.	Union Bank of India	Officers	354	392	746
		Clerks	5	19	24
		Sub Staff	12	14	26
14.	UCO Bank	Officers	5	2	7
		Clerks	29	40	69
		Sub Staff	—	—	—
15.	Vijaya Bank	Officers	15	27	42
		Clerks	30	29	59
		Sub Staff	—	—	—
16.	State Bank of B&J	Officers	5	12	17
		Clerks	—	—	—
		Sub Staff	—	—	—
17.	State Bank of Hyderabad	Officers	6	14	20
		Clerks	—	—	—
		Sub Staff	—	—	—
18.	State Bank of Indore	Officers	1	5	6
		Clerks	8	—	7
		Sub Staff	1	—	1

1	2	3	4	5	6
19.	State Bank of Mysore	Officers	27	60	87
		Clerks	14	21	35
		Sub Staff	—	—	—
20.	State Bank of Patiala	Officers	—	37	37
		Clerks	—	—	—
		Sub Staff	—	—	—
21.	State Bank of Travancore	Officers	7	39	46
		Clerks	—	—	—
		Sub Staff	—	—	—
22.	IDBI	Officers	24	64	88
		Clerks	—	—	—
		Sub Staff	—	—	—

India's external debt

†1083. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign debt in the country, till date;

(b) the position of India among indebted countries of the world;

(c) per capita burden of foreign debt at present;

(d) total amount paid to foreign creditors as principal money and interest money every year during the last three years, country-wise and institution-wise; and

(e) the steps taken to reduce the burden of debt of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) As per the latest information available, the external debt of the country as at end-September, 2008 stood at US$ 222.6 billion, the details of which are given in Table 1:—

Table 1: India's External Debt

(US $ million)

Sl.No.	Components	As at end-September, 2008
1	2	3
1.	Multilateral	38,902

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.